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The repeal of the gas tax would eliminate a majority of the tax increases associated with the 2005 transportation budget passed last Legislative session. In that budget, the Yelm Loop project received \$33 million for design and right of way purchase from the gas tax increase portion of the increase. Since I-912 doesn't repeal all of the revenue increases (only the gas tax portion), it is possible for the legislature to re-prioritize items funded in the existing budget and still fund a VERY LIMITED amount and number of projects. I don't know what the members of the House will do if the initiative passes, but given the priorities established in building the existing budget last session the Yelm project would not be a high enough priority to continue moving forward without the new gas tax.

I hope this provides you with sufficient information. Please let me know if you need further clarification.